

February 5, 1973

because speaking as one, I don't trust him to employ, that he would employ 3, I don't think he would. I may be doing him an injustice but in conclusion, if you want this drug problem flushed out, let's not forever and a day talk about it, let's do something about it, let's pass this bill and let's pass Senator Schmit's other bill to increase the force by 15 men and then when it gets down to the point, let's give them enough money to put it into effect and let's flush this dirty business out in the open so we can see how deep it is because it's very deep.

SPEAKER: Very good. We have an amendment to the committee amendment here, let's read, let's hear the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, I move to amend the committee amendment Section 1, line 11 at the end of the line (read). Signed Senator Barnett.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well, Mr. Chairman, I talked to the introducer and also Senator Kelly had a question about this so it is a very simple matter of answering his opposition by adding the word all. Now it will say that the (read). I move for the adoption.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion of the Barnett amendment? That's the Barnett amendment to the committee amendment. Is there any discussion of that amendment? Senator Nore. O.K. All those in favor of that amendment signify by saying aye. Those opposed say no. It is so ordered. That amendment is now incorporated into the committee amendment as Senator Luedtke has explained. The Chair next recognizes Senator Nore, then Whitney, then Clark, then Epke and we're now speaking on the committee amendment as amended to L.B. 14. Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, I would like to rise for a point of personal privilege to ask Senator Schmit a question.

SPEAKER: Senator Schmit, will you yield to a question? Senator Schmit, will you yield to a question from Senator Nore?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes I will.

SENATOR NORE: I served on the Judiciary Committee some years ago and through the years I have interrogated many patrolmen and one of their greatest difficulties is getting prosecution. They risk their lives in catching these people at various crimes, bring them before the judge or the court and they're sprung. Sometimes probably, I've heard just maybe they have their names spelled, the person that they brought in, maybe they have his name spelled wrong or some smooth attorney gets them sprung and it's a very serious situation that's rather, it, it discourages the patrolmen, why should he risk his life to bring these folks in when they, when they, when they let them go. They walk out of the court room laughing, these folks and they're back in again and out again, in and out. I think it's about time we give the patrol some help so they can prosecute. Now, will this bill do this, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Senator Nore, this is one of the things we hope will help them, it will give them the proper advice so they can prepare those cases in the best possible manner so that when they do go before the judge, they're not going to let one of these guys get away on a technicality. I want to say here to you, Senator Nore, that I hope that the Budget Committee does not take affront with my method of doing this because it was not my intention to do so, but I do think that this is a very serious situation and I hope that this will provide that kind of assistance that will take care of the problem which you have described.

SENATOR NORE: Thank you. 509